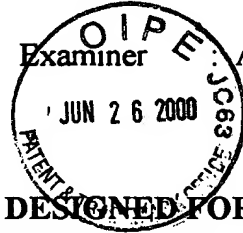


PATENT

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Applicant : Menard et al. Group Art Unit : 1771  
Serial No. : 09/041,538 Examiner : A. Singh  
Filed : March 11, 1998  
For : **FRICION MATERIAL DESIGNED FOR FITTING TO A  
DEVICE EMPLOYING FRICTION IN A LIQUID  
MEDIUM, AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH A  
FRICTION MATERIAL AND THE DEVICE TO WHICH  
IT IS FITTED**



Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 1999, applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, line 28, delete "amongst".

Page 5, line 13, before "plurality" delete "said";

line 17, delete "said";

line 18, delete "said".

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